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cont 15. (amended) ~~Implant [as claimed in one of the claims]
according to claim 1 [to 10], wherein the plastic is a
polysaccharide.~~

Sub Q4 16. (amended) ~~Implant [as claimed in claim 8, 9 and 15]
according to claim 1, wherein the [polysaccharide] plastic
is cuprophane foil.~~

b 17. (amended) ~~Implant [as claimed in one of the previous
claims] according to claim 1, wherein the ^{pliable}~~foldable~~
structural element has a foam structure.~~

18. (amended) ~~Implant [as claimed in one of the previous
claims] according to claim 1, wherein an X-ray contrast
medium or a dye is incorporated into the plastic of the
structural element.~~

Please cancel claims 3 and 4 without prejudice.

REMARKS

Applicant requests entry of the foregoing amendments to
the specification and claims.

Applicant has cancelled claims 3 and 4 without prejudice and has amended claims 1-2 and 5-18. Amended claims 1-2 and 5-18 are pending in this application.

The amendments to the specification and claim 1 were made during the IPEA proceedings of the corresponding international application PCT/EP95/01357. Amended claim 1 recites that the implant is for the reconstruction of soft tissue and recites that the structural elements are made of foil having a thickness of 10-200 μ m. Support for the amendments is found, e.g., on page 8, lines 16-17, page 5, line 11 and former claim 3, which is cancelled in view of the amendment to claim 1. As such, amended claim 1 is fully supported by the specification and does not constitute new matter.

Applicant amended claims 2 and 5-18 merely to conform more closely with U.S. patent practice. The amendments to these claims do not constitute new matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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